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O 251330Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6047

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT ET

SUBJECT: CISCO TWO

REF: KHARTOUM 1997

1. PARA TWO REFTEL SUGGESTS ALERTING SUDAN GOVT TO POSSIBILITY PLF MAY WISH DELIVER CISCO TWO TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM. WE ARE NOT BEST JUDGES HERE, BUT UPPERMOST IN OUR MINDS IS THAT NOTHING BE DONE THAT MIGHT POSTPONE OR CANCEL THEIR RELEASE, AND WE HOPE THAT KHARTOUM AND DEPT WILL CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHETHER ALERTING SUDAN GOVT SO AS TO BLOCK THIS POSSIBLE PLF PLAN, MIGHT CAUSE LEAK TO PLF THAT COULD LEAD TO POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION. IF THIS IS REAL POSSIBILITY, IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT TO WAIT UNTIL CISCO TWO HAVE ARRIVED IN SUDAN BEFORE SEEKING GOS COOPERATION TO DISENGAGE PLF FROM KIDNAPPEES.

2. WE HAVE JUST SEEN FBIS AMMAN 242117Z AUG 75 NOT SENT TO SEVERAL ADDRESSEES. BEGIN QUOTE BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 1900 GMT 24 AUG 75 JN

BEGIN TEXT TWO U.S. OFFICERS WHO WERE CAPTURED BY THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT FORCES AT ONE OF THE BASES IN THE FRONT AREA NEAR (AL-BALQAT) IN ERITREA HAVE ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE

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CHARGED WITH A MISSION BY THE U.S. ESPIONAGE MONITORING OFFICE

(MAKTAB AL-INSAT AL-AMIRIKI AT-TAJASSUSI) IN ERITREA.  
IN A PRESS STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN BEIRUT TODAY, THEY ADMITTED  
THAT THEY HAD TAKEN PART IN THE MERCENARY GROUPS WHICH FOUGHT  
IN VIETNAM, HONDURAS, AND GUATEMALA AGAINST THE NATIONALIST  
REBELS. THEY VISITED OCCUPIED PALESTINE AND CONTACTED A NUMBER  
OF ZIONIST OFFICIALS WHILE EMPLOYED AT THE U.S. ESPIONAGE  
BASE IN ERITREA. END TEXT AND QUOTE

3. WE HOPE THIS IS DELIBERATE IRAQI MISCHIEF-MAKING THAT WILL  
BE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH BY ELF/PLF PERSONS WHO ARE WORKING TO EFFECT  
RELEASE. PERHAPS DEPT CAN SUGGEST MEANS OF QUIETLY DENYING THIS  
ABSURD STORY WHERE DENIALS WILL DO MOST GOOD.  
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